Acronyms and Abbreviations

ac acre AC alternating current APLIC Avian Power Line Interaction Committee BCA Bird Conservation Area BEA Bureau of Economic Analysis BEG Bureau of Economic Geology BTB-HVDC back-to-back high-voltage, direct current CCN Certificate of Convenience and Necessity CEQ Council on Environmental Quality CFE Comision Federal de Electricidad cm centimeter CO carbon monoxide CPCE Cornelius-Pierce Consulting Engineers DC direct current DOE U.S. Department of Energy EA environmental assessment EH&A Espey, Huston & Associates, Inc. EJ Environmental Justice EMF electric and magnetic field EO Executive Order **EPA** Environmental Protection Agency **ERCOT** Electric Reliability Council of Texas ESA Endangered Species Act FAA Federal Aviation Administration FAR Federal Aviation Regulation FE Office of Fossil Energy FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency FM Farm-to-Market Road FPA Federal Power Act Frontera Frontera Generation Limited Partnership ft feet/foot FWS U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ha hectares HPA high probability area HVDC High Voltage Direct Current

IBWC International Boundary and Water Commission

km kilometers kV kilovolt kV/m kilovolts per meter

LRGFCP Lower Rio Grande Flood Control Project

LRGV Lower Rio Grande Valley

m meter

mG milligauss

MSA Metropolitan Statistical Area

MSL mean sea level

MW megawatts

NAFTA North American Free Trade Agreement

NEPA National Environmental Policy Act

NHPA National Historic Preservation Act

NOI Notice of Intent

NO₂ nitrogen dioxide

NPS National Park Service

NRCS Natural Resources Conservation Service

NRHP National Register of Historic Places

NRI National Resource Inventory

NWI National Wetlands Inventory

NWR National Wildlife Refuge

O₃ ozone

Pb lead

PM particulate matter

PUC Public Utility Commission of Texas

RMR reliability must-run

ROW right-of-way

SCS Soil Conservation Service, now the Natural Resources Conservation

Service (NRCS)

Sharyland Utilities L.P.

SOC species of concern

SO₂ sulfur dioxide

sq ft square feet

sq m square meters

SWPPP Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan

TASS Texas Agricultural Statistics Service

TCEQ Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

TCOS Transmission Cost of Service

TCPA Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

TOES Texas Organization for Endangered Species

TPDES Texas Pollution Discharge and Elimination System

TPWD Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

TSDC Texas State Data Center

TWC Texas Workforce Commission

TWDB Texas Water Development Board

TXBCD Texas Biological and Conservation Data System

TxDOT Texas Department of Transportation

USACE U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

USBOC U.S. Bureau of the Census

USC United States Code

USGS U.S. Geological Survey

WMA wildlife management area